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Secretary's Letter

Hello Buddies:

Here we are with another issue of our great "THUNDERBOLT"; it seems like only a couple of weeks ago since the last



issue was put out. Believe me, in this business, it seems as if there just aren't enough hours in a days or days in a week to cover all there is to be done. Like I mentioned before, thanks to our good friend Vic Landis, the Association is really getting well known. Every day I arrive home from work there are a couple of dozen more letters of inquiry from men wanting to know about the Association. I try to answer them as quickly as I can, but believe me, there are days when I just feel like sitting and relaxing and letting it go for another day. I only wish that with each letter I receive, that there were dues in the letters, if that be the case, we would be the largest organization of its type in the world.

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The President's Corner

Once again it's time for another letter from me to all of you. I certainly want to let you know that we look forward to



all of you being at the Reunion in Chicago in August of this year. I suppose I could go on and tell you what to expect by way of entertainment and program, but Jim Burton, your Reunion Chairman, will tell you all about that elsewhere in this issue. I could also go on and say that I hope you will have a lot of fun while you are in Chicago, and you certainly should have. But, despite all the pleasantries about the Reunion which we have, this reunion, I suppose, like last year's and some before that, won't be as pleasant for some of us as we hope it will be.

Many of you know Walter Marks, who is a member of the Chicago Chapter. Wally, like many of you, has sons now of military age. One of his sons was drafted in the service and recently completed his basic training; and, after a furlough he has been advised that he will be shipped to Vietnam. So, Walter finds himself today, like his parents before him (and our parents), hoping and praying that his son will return from the battlefield of South Vietnam both physically and mentally the same as he is now.

Naturally, you know that at every reunion, on Saturday, there is a Memorial Service for our buddies who went overseas with us but who did not make the return trip, and are probably buried in one of the many military cemeteries located in Europe. It seems that war is the main activity of mankind. In fact, I think the average history book devotes as much time, or more time, to the wars fought between men than to any other single item. In our case, it was our fathers before us, then ourselves and now our sons. We all know, of course, our fathers fought the "war to end all wars". I suppose there is some question as to what we fought for, since our fathers had already fought that war to end all wars. But we all know we fought to suppress the tyranny of the Germans and the Jap. But, since the end of World War II, we have seen our men involved in Korea, Israel, Egypt, Nicaragua, Cuba, Africa and now Vietnam. In each of these, whether they be called police actions or something else, we are attempting to suppress

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Office of the 83rd Inf. Assn. Chaplain

162 E. Madison Street
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Memorial 1967

Dear Buddies:

Memories are just the jewel box of the mind. Memories are the only paradise out of which we can never be driven away.



It does us good to recall the unselfish patriotism of our veterans and consider the sacrifices they made to make our nation great. We, the living, cannot exist entirely in the present. For in the pages of history we find the spiritual wealth of our nation, and from the past we inherit our national traditions — our

American heritage . . . our love of God and Country.

And in speaking of memories and love of those who have gone on before, both veterans and any loved one, I recall so vividly when I was a child how my good mother used to rock me to sleep and would repeat so many poems and stories. One of them has lingered and I am jotting it down as she said it. I hope you'll clip it and save it for your children, for it was handed down from my grandmother to mother, etc.

The Telegraph Office

"Is this the telegraph office?" ask a childish voice one day —

As I noted the click of my instrument with its message from faraway.

As it ceased, I turned and at my elbow stood the dearest scrap of a boy,

Who's childish voice was all a glow with the light of a hidden joy.

The golden curls on his forehead shaded sweet eyes of blue,

As if a bit of the summer sky had lost in them its hue.

They scanned my dingy office, from ceiling down to the floor,

Then turned on me their eager gaze as he asked the question oe'r.

"Is this the telegraph office"? "It is my little man,"

I said, "pray tell me what you want and I'll help you if I can."

Then the blue eyes grew more eager and his breath came quick and fast,

And I saw within his chubby hands, a folded paper grasped.

"Nurse tells me that the lightening come down the wires some days,

And my 'Mamma's' gone to heaven and I'm lonely all the days."

"My Papa's very busy, he hasn't much time for me, so I thought

I'd write her a letter and I've brought it for you to see."

"I've printed it big so the angels can read out her name"

"and carry it straight to my 'mamma' and tell her how it came."

"And now won't you please take it and throw it up good and strong —

"Against the wires in a thunder shower so the lightening will take it along?"

Oh! what could I tell the darling, for my eyes were filling fast.

I turned away to hide a tear — but cheerfully said at last

"I'll do the best I can my child", twa's all that I could say,

"Good bye" he said, "I'll see you again right after a thunder shower."

Gentlemen — yes, because of them our lives are free, because of them our nation lives; because of them the world is blessed — the highest tribute that we can render those who have gone on before, is to apply our own lives the strong faith and undaunted courage which were theirs.

God bless you.

Sincerely,
William O. Shuman
83rd Inf. Assn. Chaplain

21st ANNUAL REUNION

83rd Infantry Division Association

World War II

LA SALLE HOTEL

CHICAGO, ILL.

AUGUST 17, 18, 19, 1967

To the Memory of Our Departed Comrades Who Gave Their All For A Worthy Cause, We Dedicate This Memorial Day Issue.

They lie there in eternal rest, their faces
to the sky

They paid the supreme sacrifice though
HE alone knows why

They made their peace with HIM above,
of that they can be sure

HE cleansed them of their worldly sins
and once more made them pure

They gave their all unselfishly,
undaunted, unafraid

With never a thought of glory for the
role that they had played

They died that each of us might live by
our own democratic theme

They fought to preserve the four freedoms
and what they really mean

We think of you quite often, friends and
buddies of the past

You shall ever be remembered for as
long as time shall last

You lie out there in peace and rest in
sun, hail, snow and rain

May the GOOD LORD bless and keep
you till we all shall meet again.

Harry W. Lockwood
Regt. Hq. - 329

Ed: The above is a reprint from a previous issue of the "THUNDERBOLT", but is a most fitting item for this particular issue. It was written by our late Secretary-Treasurer, Harry W. Lockwood.

Secretary's Letter

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As I sit here and try to do the work necessary to keep the Association going, I just can't help but remember our dear friend Harry, how hard he worked to make it possible to have the great Association that we have today. I once again ask each and every one of you to do your part in helping make it grow. If you are an unpaid member, please don't be a strap hanger, send your dues in today. It is your dues that helps keep this Association going. I only wish that I could sit down and itemize the expenditures that there are to make this possible, you would be amazed at the money spent on postage alone, we are sending out over 2,000 "THUNDERBOLTS" each issue and believe it or not, we are still getting a lot of returns due to men moving and failing to notify us. Luckily the Post Office Department is able to furnish us with some of the changes; others are just lost until located at some time or another. Last issue I printed a list of missing men, and was surprised at the number of men who sent me corrected addresses, so if you find any of your Buddies in this list, let us know so that we can continue to keep in touch with him. Along with postage money that we spend, there is a lot of expense in printing and office supplies that are essential to us.

Well Buddies, now that I have held out the crying towel to you, the rest is

up to you. As you know our last Reunion was a very wonderful one and a very costly one. We did not reap a profit like we should have, therefore we don't have the extra money to be able to spend over and above what is necessary. This is not being said in the form of criticism, because believe me, the boys in Pittsburgh deserve a great hand for a good job well done. They showed us a wonderful time, and with the prices of things today, it is a hard thing to do with a minimum of expense. You who have never sponsored a Reunion have no idea what a rough job it is. There are always the gang on the sidelines that can tell you what you should do or what you should have done, but those same men will not shoulder the responsibility. My hat is off to any man or group of men who will take on such an ordeal, I know only too well what a rough job it is.

We are now coming down the home stretch, in a few short months we will be Chicago bound. Let us all sit down and try to think of a former Buddy that we wish to remind of the coming Reunion, or of a Buddy who as of this date is not a member and try selling him a membership, or as I said earlier, if you are not a paid up member, for the good of the Association, send your dues today. I still have plenty of membership cards waiting for someone to claim them, a check or money order in the amount of \$5.00 is your claim to that card.

Larry Redmond
Secretary-Treasurer

A Tribute to "Mom" On Mother's Day

WHAT IS A MOTHER?

A mother is a wonderful creature constructed almost entirely of love and this she can express in a million ways, from hugs and kisses, and good cooking, and patient listening, to stern lectures, strict rules, and repeated uses of the word "NO"!

Like snowflakes, no two mothers are alike, but they have a number of things in common. Name anything . . . a mother can be found washing it, roasting it, polishing it, getting rid of it, repairing it, spanking it, packing it, teaching it, redecorating it, loving it, or talking it over at P.T.A.

A mother cares about and for almost everything: garden, pets, the state of the nation, the worn spot on the rug, hungry people, and most of all, "Father" and her children.

For these she can do anything, dare anything, and fight for anything necessary to their happiness.

A mother is not always an angel. She will disagree with you . . . expect too much of you . . . question your choice of friends . . . and bring up the subject of work when you feel the least energetic. But she's always ready to help when you need her.

You don't always tell a mother how much you love her, or how much you hope the most wonderful things in the world will come to her, because there are no words that express feelings so deep and sincere.

Somehow, though, you feel she understand what's in your heart.

Mothers always do!

Frank McGrogan
"Co.-D 330th"

A TRIBUTE TO "DAD" ON FATHER'S DAY

A dad's his family strength and guide, a source of hope and light, the one his family looks up to because he makes things go right.

A dad is a companion whose loyalty has no end for he's more than just a father, He's the finest kind of friend

A dad will hold his family close and keep watch over all, and he's the one the family knows will answer when they call, and though he never seems to get the praises that He's due — the world's a better, happier place because of dads — like you!

Frank McGrogan
"Co. D-330th"

The President's Corner

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the terror created by another power-hungry group of men. In addition, we have had a history of the past several years of race riots, which leave a lot to be desired and nothing to be proud of.

And so, I believe that there is a question which should be addressed to you at this time, when we are all planning our Reunion, and which should be answered by each and every one of us. What have I done—what has anyone of us done—individually or collectively—to make this a better world—a world where we can live without worrying about whether our sons are going to fight World War III?

Certainly our country is attempting to do something. But we, as veterans, should be most interested not only in what is being done, but how it is being done. We should be interested in having a voice in how it is being done, besides that unheard of voice which we have when we go to the polls on election day and vote for somebody probably because he belongs to one or the other political party, rather than upon the basis of what he really stands for in matter of importance to all of us.

It is the desire of your Chicago Chapter to make the reunion this year a time that will never be forgotten by you. In plain English, we want you to have a helluva good time while you are our guests in Chicago. However, it is the hope of your President that, in addition to having a lot of fun, that the Chicago Reunion will be remembered for another reason. It is my hope that from the Chicago Reunion, our voice can be heard and, perhaps like the shot during the Revolutionary War that was heard around the world, that our voice might be heard by Veterans around the world and might result in all people agreeing to live in peace rather than in constant warfare.

I believe it should be possible for us, as veterans, not only to stand united, but to have a unity of purpose that can be felt, and to let the world know that, despite the fact that the 83rd could help win a war, its members still are able to take action to help preserve democracy and freedom for all mankind.

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For
Harry

Greater Indianapolis Chapter

Hello Thunderbolt Buddies,

Looks as if Spring is almost here? "I say almost" in Hoosierland you never know just when Spring will come, but it sure will be welcome when it does arrive. Seems like Spring comes right after Basketball Tourney in Indiana.

The next event for our Naptown chapter will be our annual summer picnic. Right now the plans are not complete, but this much is all settled. The place will be **Garfield Park**, and the date tentatively June 11. All of you good buddies are sure welcome to come to Garfield Park as guests of our Indianapolis Chapter. Some of our chapter members evidently have been sticking by the fireside during these long winter months, but yours truly did meet with John Raikos and John Soroko at the 40 and 8 Chateau. Even if there were only three of us, we did have a real big session. Ol' Raikos is a cat on that Pin-ball machine.

No doubt the Host Chapter at Chicago is working real hard to set up a real big and enjoyable get together in the Windy City. Yours truly is certainly looking forward to the up-coming convention. Sure hope I can meet with some of my old buddies from the 908th F.A. especially Battery C. I know that there were lots of them for those chow lines were a mile long.

By the time this news is in print, Manny and Avalon Goodridge will have celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary. (It does seem like a long time, Eh! Manny and Avalon.) All wish you many returns of the day and hope we can say the same on your **Golden day**.

You know if the 83rd Division Association should reach one thousand membership, I would calculate that this would be among the top associations membership wise. Boys it is up to us if we want to hit that thousand mark, so while there is still time, let's get in touch with an old buddy and get him out to the Chicago Reunion. I don't know of anything more enjoyable than getting together with buddies that have lived together and faced the perils of a rugged and grueling war. Please, when you come to Chicago either bring a buddy or have plans to meet him there.

Guess it is time to cease the gossip and run for the mail box with this news. Good luck to all you buddies and hope to see your smiling faces at Chicago.

Matthew F. Brumbach
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Indianapolis Chapter
Staff Reporter

A Report From Your National Publicity Director

By Vic Landis, F. 329

Am starting my second swing around the nation and every paper in the land has carried a release in regards to the 83rd and the forthcoming reunion in Chicago. This is, by far, the greatest year in publicity I have ever had — and we have almost four months to go. Radio and television stations have helped to carry the good word.

The most wonderful thing that could happen to our wonderful Association would be for every member to send in a buddy membership. If all of the old regulars would do just that, we would far surpass the 1000 mark Harry Lockwood had his heart set on. Let's send one in to our hard-working secretary, Larry Redmond and make everyone happy.

Am still trying to get a national magazine to cover our reunion, but it is hard to come by. Have one that promised to send a reporter and photographer - IF they have any business in the Chicago area. Let's hope for the best and keep our fingers crossed.

Co. F. 329th News And Side Lights

By Vic Landis

F. 329 really expects to have a great turnout in Chicago, as we have quite a few of the boys who live in the Chicago area and have promised to attend. Of course, if all the former members who promise to get there, would actually show, the attendance would be fantastic, but I know quite a few of the old F. 329th gang will be there from the state of Illinois.

Jim and Trudy Fowler, after their trip to Tripoli, to see their daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren, plan on being in Chicago. Cheers to them both and we all look forward to seeing them both.

The Landis suite and rumpus room will as usual be the C.P. for old F. 329 - where again we will raise one hell of a rumpus and command the post. This will be our 21st time of doing just that. Along with G. 331st we have about always led in attendance and have made more noise and raised more hell, than any unit.

That's all for now - CHEERS FOR THE great old 83rd.

Make Your Plans For Chicago

Cleveland Chapter

This being my first attempt at being reporter I hope any mistakes or omissions will be overlooked.



Our February meeting is devoted to election of officers. This year the meeting was held at Ted Gurgol's house. Ted must have had an ulterior motive in offering to hold this meeting at his home, because after plying us with liquid refreshment and assorted other goodies he was selected as president by acclamation.

I must say he put on quite a fight to get this job.

To support him in his efforts for the year he has Walt Meczka as vice president-treasurer, Al Uridel as recording secretary and myself Casey Szubski as sgt. at arms.

I am sorry to report that Walt Meczka's father passed away in February. Our condolences to Walt and his family. His dad must have been well liked and well known as evidenced by the large number of flower baskets and large number of relatives and friends paying their last respects.

At our March meeting, which was held at Chester Czech's house, we were shown a letter received by Bob Grobelny from Dr. Arlin M. Halvorsen, pastor of Calvary Memorial Church in Racine, Wis. Dr. Halvorsen was chaplain of the 329th Inf. Bob has a special feeling for Dr. Halvorsen because it was through his efforts during the war that Bob was saved when he was wounded. They are looking forward to seeing each other at the reunion in Chicago, also Jim Burton, hi! Jim, gee you're looking good!

On March 18th members of Cleveland Chapter and wives attended a St. Patrick's Day dance sponsored by Al Uridel's boat club. A good time was had by all, especially when one of the more exuberant female guests put on an impromptu floor show. Those of our group that did not make it sure missed a good one.

On April 1st Warren Chapter had a dinner dance to which we were invited. I'm sorry to say that Eleanor and I were the only ones in attendance. This also was a great affair and well worth the hour travel time it takes to get there. This Warren group is very hospitable and it is always a pleasure to attend one of their functions. I know that those people who attended last year regretted not be-

ing able to attend, perhaps next year there will be less interference from other commitments and we will make a better showing.

With summer coming up we are all looking forward to our outdoor activities—picnics, etc. This also means that August is just around the corner so we will be making plans and reservations for the reunion.

Time is running out for this period and so I will close this brief report of Cleveland Chapter activity. Regards to all.

Casey Szubski.

329th News

Col. Ed Fleming was the honoree at a retirement party in his honor given at the Geneva Armory recently.

Gen. Henry V. Graham, former State Adjutant General and assistant division commander for the 31st Division, was on hand and presented Fleming with the Alabama Commendation Medal for outstanding service during his 32 years of service with the Alabama National Guard.

Fleming, a native of Enterprise and an employee at the Enterprise Post Office, enlisted as a private in Headquarters Battery, 117th Field Artillery, Ala. National Guard, in 1933.

He rose through the ranks to become commanding officer of the 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 117th Artillery at the time of his retirement. His battalion included Batteries in Enterprise, Elba, Troy, Geneva and Samson. He has commanded the unit since 1963.

During World War II, Fleming served as a combat infantryman in the campaigns in France and Germany. He was military advisor with rank of Captain to a Korean Division in the Korean Conflict.

Among numerous medals, he was the holder of the Bronze Star.

Prior to his retirement, Fleming was commissioned as a full Colonel in the National Guard.

He was presented a watch by the officers and enlisted men of the Battalion his his outstanding leadership. The watch was presented by S/M John Kelsoe. About 175 officers and men attended the retirement party.

Chicago In 1967

Pittsburgh Chapter News

Dear Buddies,

At the April meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter, there were four new members in attendance; namely: Bill Wallis, 83rd



Signal Co.; Ted Lozowski, Co. E, 329th Inf.; Edward Ruess, Co. I, 331st Inf., and Joe Zelionis, 783rd Ordinance. Congratulations fellows, we were very glad to have you. Our meetings are always attended by at least 20 to 30 members and I am certain that if all of our members attended the same meeting, we would

have a fairly large reunion in itself.

The chapter along with their guests, which will be about 70 strong, will attend a baseball game in a group, Friday, May 12, 1967, and after the game, a little social will be held at one of the nearby clubs.

The chapter picnic will be held Sunday, June 25, 1967, at the Adam Hassick property, Collinsburg Road, off Route 136, near West Newton, Pa. If anyone is in the area on that day, feel free to be our guest. Many thanks to Adam Hassick, and his wife Mary, for their kind generosity, for the use of the property and facilities. Committee members for the picnic are: Charles Altomari and Adam Hassick, Co. B, 308th Engs., Joe DeLuca, Div. arty, George Komlos, Co. D. 331st Inf., and Steve Blasko, 783 Ord.

Adam Hassick has retired from the Pittsburgh Steel Company, of which he was an employee for 32 years, so here's hoping Adam will enjoy his retirement. Wilber Wilson, Anti-tank-330th Inf., is in Ohio Valley General Hospital, so here's wishing a speedy recovery to Wilber. Sam Klippa, Co. D, 331st Inf., is feeling better after a brief illness, but will be out of work for at least another month. Larry Leonardi, Co. A, 331st Inf., has been recently promoted and following is a press release, which was released Feb. 17, 1967: Lawrence J. Leonardi has been appointed supervisor of the auditorium recently constructed at Calgon Corporation's headquarters. An artist in the advertising department, he joined the company in Dec. 1955.

As auditorium supervisor, Mr. Leonardi's responsibilities will include the preparation of visual aids and the maintenance of the visual aids library and related equipment. He will also continue in his capacity as advertising artist.

Mr. Leonardi has studied at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and the University of Pittsburgh. He was recently elected president of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division Association.

Mr. Leonardi, his wife, the former Susan Birney, and a son reside at 1360 Preston Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

So, until the next issue of the Thunderbolt, I remain:

Sincerely yours,
Charles Altomari
Co-Chairman of
Pittsburgh Chapter News



Outgoing President Sam Klippa receiving gift from Al Gruber. Front row, l. to r.: Gene Costanza, John Guzik, Mrs. Costanza, Mrs. Gruber and Ezio Alacandri. Back row, l. to r.: Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Blasko. Standing: Gruber and Klippa.



Outgoing President Sam Klippa presenting gavel to President Larry Leonardi as outgoing Vice President Gene Costanza looks on.

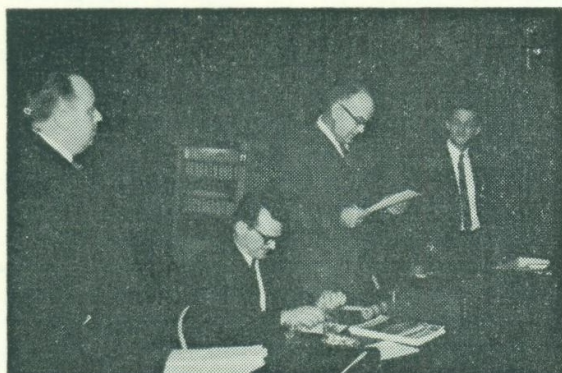
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Part of crowd at Pittsburgh Chapter dinner social for installation of officers.



New Officers For Years 1967 and 1968—Left to right: Al Gruber, treasurer; Al Suess, vice president; Lawrence Leonard, president; and Steve Blasko, secretary.



Outgoing President Sam Klippa reading farewell speech as Gruber, Costanza and Paul Dietrich look on.



Parts of the Outgoing Officers—Left to right: Gruber, treasurer retained; Costanza, vice president; Klippa, president; and Dietrich, secretary.

Greater Pittsburgh Chapter

by Greer Thompson
Hq. Btry., 324 FA Bn.

Hi Buddies:

The installation of our new officers for 1967 took place at our March meeting. They are as follows:

President, Lawrence J. Leonard, Co. A-331 Inf.; vice president, Albert J. Suess, Co. G-331 Inf.; treasurer, Alfred Gruber, Co. M-331 Inf.; secretary, Steve Blasko, 783 Ord. Co.

Congratulations fellows, and may you continue the success our chapter has experienced in the past.

Our regular meeting March 5, 1967 was held at the Brentwood VFW Post, Saw Mill Run Blvd., Route 51, Pittsburgh, Pa., at 2 p.m. The meeting was very well attended and we welcomed two new members. They are: Ed Reuss, Co. I-331 Inf. and Joseph Zillonis, 783 Ord. Co. Hope to see you often, fellows, and encourage more buddies to come to meetings and enjoy the affairs.

We were surprised to see Bruce R. McKie back looking so well after his recent illness. Incidentally, Bruce volunteered his good services to bring our membership roster up to date. This is a hard job as you are all aware. Good luck, Bruce, as we are grateful for this needed service.

The Italian Sons and Daughters Association International Bowling League held its women's tournament at Cleveland, Ohio in March and Gene Costanzo's wife Yolanda won top honors in representing Pittsburgh at this affair with an average of 160.

Also, yours truly is on the Pittsburgh Lithographer and Photo Engravers Local 24 team. We'll be bowling in a tournament to be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 22. At the present time there is a prediction of a record-breaking turnout. Accommodations are being made for 144 teams from many cities and towns in the United States and Canada. Hope to come home with a good report for our next issue.

Joe and Juliette DeLuca are proud to announce that their lovely daughter Sally Ann graduated as a nurse from Allegheny General Hospital in February. She has accepted a position at Centerville Clinic, Centerville, Pa.

Congratulations to the Wilbert Wilson family whose daughter Patricia married Dick Horstman in the Montour Presbyterian Church in Oakdals, Pa. on February 4. Good luck, Patricia and Dick, for a happy and successful future.

Hope to have more news for the next issue and don't forget Chicago in '67.

"Campaign For 1967"

Dear Buddy:

Just a reminder to all you guys from "Co.-D 330th" who were not at the last reunion, you really missed a wonderful time in Pittsburgh. Now, I am starting a campaign to make sure you don't miss the next one in Chicago, Illinois.



You have five 5 months to save and make plans to be there, barring incidents, there should be no excuses. I am striving for 50 members in our company this year and that is only a few away from the total paid up members this past year. If all the paid up members of last year would pick up one member each, we are sure to get our 50 members. It's worth a try, Old Buddy—how about it? Let's all put the Old Division Patch to the membership wagon and push it over the top. We can do it—if we try!

It takes a just and simple man with a little hidden quality to be a leader. We can't all be leaders, some of us must be followers but if a few of us lead the way the followers will fall in line and "Co.-D 330th" will have the biggest turnout in its history next year in Chicago.

I am sure most of you know that the Association dues run from August to August, so please send in your dues, if you have not sent it in as yet. Men, give this some serious thought — this is your association,

HELP MAKE IT GROW!

Frank McGrogan
"Co. D-330th"

Chicago Re-Union News

by Jim Burton
Re-union Chairman

Would you believe, as I am writing this report March 20, that we have just had a five-inch snowfall and that tomorrow is the first day of SPRING! By the time you read this, I'm sure that spring will be here in all its glory, and although we in Chicago will long remember the winter of 1967, it will at least be behind us.

Until our meeting yesterday, that was attended by 15 Chicago Thunderbolts, we were having a rough time getting good attendance as they were mid-week meetings. Many of our members had working hours that made it impossible for them to participate on a regular basis. We decided in order to eliminate this problem, to hold our business meeting Sunday afternoon and we were pleasantly surprised by the turnout and feel as though we should get many more to actively participate so that we can entertain our Association like they have never been entertained before.

An important step at this time is our **PROGRAM BOOK**. We would appreciate it if all the Chapters would place their ads **N-O-W**, by sending them to me per enclosed page 19 of the Thunderbolt. Also there have been ads taken by individual members, etc., that we welcome so whether its for a Chapter, Business, Individual, Patron, Patroness or Booster please send them in **N-O-W**.

At all of the past re-unions each Chapter has gone all out to entertain our Association royally and we will not be out done in Chicago. Our program is presented on page 11 and outside of a few surprises, will give you an idea of our plans. Considering the fact that Chicago was the sight of much gangland warfare in the Roaring Twenties, our Friday night, "**ROARING TWENTIES PARTY**" should be a **B-L-A-S-T!** For safety sake though, **ALL WEAPONS MUST BE CHECKED BEFORE ENTERING OUR R-O-A-R-I-N-G T-W-E-N-T-I-E-S ROOM.**

THE LaSALLE HOTEL

Chicago, Illinois

Reunion Site for August 17, 18 & 19

Twenty-First Annual Reunion Program

Thursday, August 18, 1967

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	REGISTRATION	19th Floor
1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.	BUS TOUR of the scenic and historical sights of beautiful Chicago	
9:00 P.M.	GET ACQUAINTED PARTY Dance - Refreshments - Fashion Show	19th Floor Century Room

Friday, August 19, 1967

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	REGISTRATION	19th Floor
10:00 A.M. to Noon	(MEN) BUSINESS MEETING	18th Floor
10:00 A.M. to Noon	(WOMEN) Free to Shop	Lincoln Douglas Room
1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.	FUN TRIP TO RIVERVIEW AMUSEMENT PARK (The largest Amusement Park in the world) Five Roller Coasters, Tremendous Midway, and Parachute Drops for any Thunderbolts who may be frustrated Paratroopers and feel as though they have one jump left.	
7:00 P.M.	ROARING TWENTIES PARTY Informality is the pass word, however, if you have appropriate dress of the "Roaring Twenties" era, prizes will be awarded for the best costumes	19th Floor Century Room

Saturday, August 20, 1967

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	REGISTRATION	19th Floor
10:00 A.M. to Noon	(MEN) BUSINESS MEETING	18th Floor
10:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.	(WOMEN) Free time to make themselves lovely for the evening festivities	Lincoln Douglas Room
12:30 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.	UNIT LUNCHEONS	
2:00 P.M.	MEMORIAL SERVICE - PARADE	
6:30 P.M.	FAMOUS 83rd THUNDERBOLT BANQUET	19th Floor
9:00 P.M.	DANCING and REFRESHMENTS to follow banquet Music by Chuck Cavallo and his orchestra.	Grand Ballroom

Hospitality Suite will be open at all times except during our meetings and the Memorial Service.

Fall River Chapter News

By Manny Martin
F Co. 329th

I sincerely hope that those of you that can, are making plans to attend the reunion at Chicago this year. Our Chicago



Chapter has been hard at work for many months to assure you of the very best possible time during your stay in Chicago. Unless you have ever been actively involved in planning one of these reunions, you could never realize the amount of leg work and planning that must go into getting a reunion off of the ground. The effort that our people have put into this makes it deserving of your support, not to mention the real fine program they have come up with. I have been convinced for years that the 83rd Division Association, offers the very best vacation value in America today at our reunions. Compare the price you pay, against what you receive in return, and then you must agree it is a true vacation bargain.

Since our last issue of the Thunderbolt, the Fall River Chapter has been busy mostly with our monthly meetings, and with planning our social events for this year. Meetings are held at my home every third Saturday of the month, wives of course, are always included, a buffet is served, along with all of the happy sauce that one can drink, it comes out a very nice social evening, with people that you enjoy, and we all look forward to it.

We are in the midst of preparations for our first affair of the year; this will be a ham and bean supper, to be held on Saturday evening, April 8. I am informed by the members, that another sellout is assured. Other affairs planned by the chapter this year include our traditional June buffet, to be held on June 10, a moonlight sail and dance on August 12, and our very popular Christmas party on Saturday, December 9.

Those of you that remember Freddy and Louise Costa (they have attended a few reunions with us) will be as delighted and happy as we all were to learn that they have become the parents of a darling baby boy. The baby was born in January, and is a healthy, lovely child, whom they have named Todd Vernon.

Our President Pete Larue of M-Co., 330th, had a very harrowing and dangerous experience early in February, on a Friday evening at about 7 p.m., while working at his drug store. He was suddenly confronted by two gunmen, who were obviously high on narcotics, made

to turn over a considerable amount of cash, plus a goodly number of narcotics which the gunmen demanded. All of this despite the fact that there were a number of customers in the establishment, and people walking up and down the street, which is one of the main thoroughfares here in Fall River. We of the chapter are just real thankful that a tragedy was averted, for under the conditions it could have very easily become one.

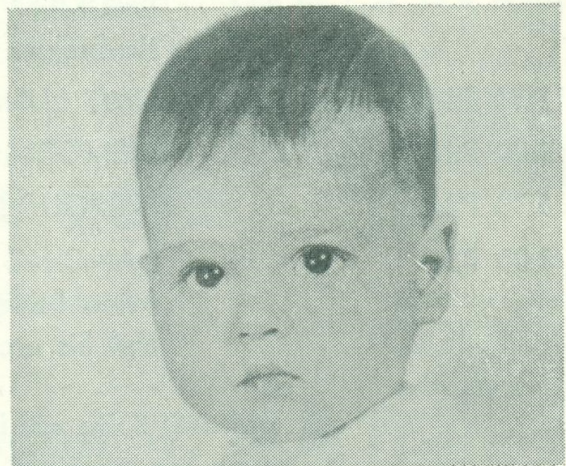
Pete Barthelemy of Battery B-324th recently underwent surgery, and he sure had bounced back like the Thunderbolt he is. The day after the operation, when Pete Larue and I visited him, he looked healthier than I. It was nothing too serious, and I am confident that he should be feeling like his old self shortly.

Our friend Norman Bowers deserted us a couple of weeks ago, as well as old man winter, by heading for the sunny climate in Florida, for a few weeks. I hope you enjoyed your trip Norm, and that you feel good for having gone, but I still hate you for not taking me along.

We are pleased and delighted to welcome into our chapter three new associate members—Edward Medeiros of Taunton, Mass.; Albert Desmarais of Somerset, Mass. and Joseph Fernandes of Berkely, Mass. We are grateful for the assistance given the chapter by these men over the years, though they were not members of the division, all veterans, they were voted in as associates, that we may in some small measure express our thanks for favors rendered.

To the many friends in the association, that have asked what that little bundle of joy, that Adeline and I waited so long for, looks like, I am enclosing a little photograph, and hope that Larry finds room for it in the next issue of Thunderbolt. Karen Ann was just 10 months old when it was taken.

That is about it from Fall River. From everyone here a most fervent prayer that all Thunderbolts and their families are enjoying good health.



Karen Ann Martin, Fall River.

Warren Chapter Auxiliary

Hi Everybody:

Looks like spring has finally arrived. Makes one start thinking of picnics and cookouts.

The women of the Auxiliary met at my home last week and our new officers took over.

President, Dimps Minotti; vice president, Theresa Gautschi; secretary, Liz Skovran; treasurer, Angie Philliponi.

We were selling candy for Easter, which is our spring project, and did quite well.

Mary Nuzzi's twin sons who are in the Air Force, are being sent to Germany. She has another set of twins at home, Gary and Ann are pre-schoolers, so she is kept quite busy.

The men's Chapter had the Anniversary Party at the beautiful Chateau Supper Club on April 1st. It gave us women a chance to get dressed up in our Easter outfits again, and everyone looked lovely.

Casey and Eleanor from Cleveland came down for the affair and we were glad to see them again.

Next time you see Dimps, ask her how "Opal" got banged up, quite a story!

Nothing much has happened the past few months, so until next edition.

So long,
Millie Kelly

Hello Buddies:

I would like to thank each and every one of you for going along with me as you have this year. This has been quite a job, and there is still a lot to be accomplished.

I sincerely hope that in about two weeks I will be able to make a trip to Baltimore, Maryland, to meet with the re-activated Washington, D. C. Chapter. To all of you from the Maryland, Washington and Virginia areas, I sincerely hope that you will get behind Col. Campbell and his boys and help get this great Chapter going once again. It is a hard job trying to re-activate a defunct chapter.

On or about June 3, 1967, the Executive Committee will meet in Cleveland, Ohio, to go over the final plans for the coming Reunion and do what is necessary to help the boys in Chicago. I am sure that they are going to show us all a great time in August. It is no easy job to put on a Reunion. Only those who have done it know the real story behind it.

There have been a few letters in from men stating that they have not received their copies of the "THUNDERBOLT". I know and you know that it is always

possible to have slipped up on someone, but in checking my stencils, I found only a couple that I have no stencils for, which means that they would not have gotten it. To them I wish to apologize, but to the men who have not received it, and there is a stencil in the files, I can't give a reason for that. Please try to bear with me; this has been a very trying year. There was so much to be done and so little time to do it in. I promise you that if I am the Secretary-Treasurer again next year, that I will be able to acknowledge your mail sooner and more complete, as I should have things in more of an orderly manner by that time. If for any reason you don't get your "THUNDERBOLT", don't hesitate to contact me so I can check and see if I missed you, and I will get one in the mail to you at once.

Gentlemen, as your Secretary-Treasurer, I am trying to do all in my power for the good of the Association. This is a hard job; it takes man many hours to get the work done that is necessary. I love the Association, and don't regret a minute of the time I put into it, you the members help make me feel this way, you are all so co-operative. I have never called on a man for anything that he wasn't right there ready to try to help me. Believe me, it is a great feeling to know that you have this kind of support.

The next issue of the "THUNDERBOLT" will be the last for this year. If there is anything that you wish to put in it, please send it to me and I will do my best. Please try to get your news in to me by June 15th, if possible, as there will be a lot of work to be done on this final issue. This issue should have been to press a couple of weeks ago, but there is still some news not in, but it will have to go to press without it.

The Chicago Reunion Committee wishes to ask each and every one of you to try and obtain an ad for the program book; if you can't solicit an ad from someone, why not be a Booster yourself and take a Booster ad. Remember, this money helps defray part of the Reunion cost, thereby allowing you the best entertainment at the lowest possible cost to you the members. Let us all try doing our part in helping make this a great Reunion.

Remember one more thing, there are many of you who have not paid their dues for this year. Please don't be a strap hanger and let the other guy carry the load. It costs money to run an Association like this; your \$5.00 can help carry this expense. Our Treasury is at its lowest financial peak right now. We need at least 300 more paid up members to make us financially stable. If you are one of these 300, please send your dues to-day.

Larry Redmond

Detroit Chapter

It seems that I just wrote my last column and here it is time for another. I suppose that most of the chapters are like we are here sort of standing still this time of the year. But now that the Lenten and Easter season are over, we hope that we can all start getting together. I heard from Bill Palozzolo, this week; he was saying that his son Joe, who is in Vietnam, for the last seven months, is just counting the days that he has left over



there before he can come home. By the way, any ex 83rd members from the Michigan Area that would like to get some information about our local chapter or the national organization, please contact me Jack Daugherty, 19920 Inkster Rd., Rumulus, Mich. zip code 48174. Larry Redmond sent me some extra Thunderbolts from our last issue. If there is anyone in this area that would like one just drop me a line. Loyal and Kate Pangle's son was to come home from service in Alaska in March. Fellows let's all get behind this drive to hit the thousand membership. I know we are all looking forward to this year's reunion in Chicago.

Jack Daugherty
Co. L 329 Inf.
83rd Division

Obituary Column

With great reverence, we offer our sincere condolences to the families of our departed Buddies. In recent letters the names of the following deceased were sent to your Editor.

Jesse Morgan
Co. L, 329th
Died October 31, 1966

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Omer E. Hornbeck
Unit Unknown
Died in 1952

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Daniel Sudac
Co. C, 331st
Died February 8, 1967

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Harry Sullivan
Co. L, 330th
Date of Death Unknown

Boston Chapter

Hello Buddies,

Just as the other issue, not much news. Everyone is in the woodwork. Let's hope they all get out soon and send me some news.



Received word from Lucien Elie that he was elected Seam Squirrel of the Amesbury Puptent MOC and he was installed on March 19. Good luck Jigs, as we all know you will do a great job. See story following.

Things were not so good at the DiGiammerino's this past winter. On the last of February, Pat almost cut off his thumb on his right hand with a table saw. He is coming along fine now. Just one week later his wife, Gin, cut her left hand on a bottle and she is also on the mend. To top it off, about a week after that their son, Paul, who is in the U. S. Air Force, was on KP when he cut his hand. So the DiGiammerino family had a tough two months with cuts. Let's hope that all the DiGiammerino's are over their bad luck.

Well buddies that it is for the news, as I can't write what I don't know.

Your buddy,
Nick Franculo

Lucien Elie New Puptent Seam Squirrel

Lucien Elie was elected seam squirrel of Amesbury Puptent, MOC on March 19 in Town Hall Annex.

The Military Order of Cooties, called the MOC pup tents, are part of the VFW posts. They are the hospital organization to bring cheer and laughs to hospitalized veterans and handicapped children.

The Amesbury MOC is certainly very active. Lucien is the hospital chairman. He puts in a lot of time acquiring needed personal articles for veterans and the handicapped children. He has interested others outside the organization to assist, especially where children are concerned.

One of the projects which Lucien has had during the years is taking some of the handicapped youngsters out to dinner. He travels several hundred miles to do this several times a year. He takes others with him who are also interested in the children.

PLEASE PAY DUES

Greater Philadelphia Chapter

Hello Buddies:

Once again the boys from the great CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE are very proud to say hello to all of you. As we all realize, the days are passing quickly and before we realize it, the time will be here for our trip to the great WINDY CITY. To a good many of us, it will be our trip to Chicago, and I am sure that the boys there will make us very glad that we came. I know that they are hard at work planning a program that we will enjoy.

Getting back to the big City of Philadelphia, we of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter are about to hold our Annual Chapter Banquet. This year it will be on May 29, this being the day before the holiday, I am sure that we will have a good attendance, because the next day being a holiday, many of us won't have to get up for work, and not being a Saturday night, there are many of us that don't have to get up for church like we would if the next day were a Sunday.

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter has had a very fine year, although the attendance was not as great at the meetings as it was a few years ago, but we still can't complain, because each time we held a party or a social, we had a very fine attendance. We were lucky this past year to have a very fine place to meet. We held our meetings and social affairs at Lou Volpi's Restaurant on the Baltimore Pike just outside of Philadelphia. Lou has since sold out his business, so we are forced to seek a new meeting place. We of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter are deeply indebted to Lou for what he has done for our Chapter over the years. We sincerely hope that Lou will remain an active member of our Chapter for many years to come. If I were to pay tribute to all the members of this Chapter who have gone out of their way in doing for both the Chapter and the Association, I could fill several pages in this issue. I could also go on and on lending praise to the great group of wives that we have that work so hard with us, no team in the world can go on without the constant efforts of all its players, that is why we liken our Chapters and our Association to a team and all our members as players.

Well Buddies, I sincerely hope that we have this issue in circulation well before the Memorial Day date. Let us all take an extra minute out on Memorial Day to bow our heads and say a special prayer for our unfortunate Buddies who are no longer with us, by this I mean the less fortunate ones who so courageously gave their lives in the defense of their country,

as well as those who have passed away since the war has ended. Let us never forget those who were less fortunate than ourselves.

Larry Redmond
Secretary

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter

Col. J. T. Dempsey Killed On Vietnam Rescue Mission

Col. Jack T. Dempsey, 46, an Army aviation unit commander, was killed Sunday attempting to rescue the crew members of two helicopters downed in Vietnam's Mekong Delta. He lived at 2409 Childs Lane, Alexandria.

Col. Dempsey was commander of the 13th Aviation Battalion, based in the delta. He was flying in an area of Viet Cong activity and was killed by ground fire as he attempted to land his helicopter near the downed crafts from his battalion.

Brig. Gen. G. P. Seneff of the Army's 1st Aviation Brigade, Col. Dempsey's commander, said his "professionalism and enthusiasm inspired the men of his battalion to accomplishments and pride in their unit unequalled in Vietnam."

In Vietnam Since May

Col. Dempsey had been in Vietnam since May and was due to return to the United States this May.

An Army career officer, he attended Oklahoma State University and entered officer candidate school immediately after his graduation in 1943.

During World War II he served with the 331st Infantry Regiment of the 83rd Division. He was wounded twice and received a Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, a Silver Star, Bronze Star, Air Medal with 18 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Army Commendation with an Oak Leaf Cluster.

He was based at various American bases following the war and completed several Army advanced courses.

Earned Master's Degree

He had been stationed in the Washington area for three and a half years before he went to Vietnam. While here he earned a master's degree in international affairs at George Washington University.

He leaves his wife, Juanita; two daughters, Rebecca and Diana; two sons, Paul T. and Jackson T., and his father, N. V. Dempsey, and a sister, Mrs. Billie Holcomb, both of Norman, Okla.

A memorial service was held for Col. Dempsey in Vietnam. Burial will be in Arlington Cemetery.

330th Regimental Unit

Hello Buddies:

Well once again we are here to tell you that the 330th Regimental unit is still in the Association, and are mighty proud to say that although at the time of the last issue of "THE THUNDERBOLT" we were down in the dumps, having been surpassed by the 329th and the 331st. We have gained some ground, and although I can't give you a definite figure as to the total membership, I can say that they will know by Reunion time that we are still in the race.

Each issue I try to appeal to each and every one of you for your support in helping make this a banner year in the history of the Association. There are many of you who are not paid up members. We need your dues as well as the next person's to help keep this Association going. This like any other business can survive only by the amount of business they do. Your business to us is paid up membership. Please, once again, make a check of your membership card, see if you are a paid up member; if not please send your dues in today. There is no reason why 700 paid up members should have to carry the load for 2500 issues that are published and mailed out.

We of the 330th Regiment know only too well that we were the number one Regiment in Combat. We can still be the number one Unit in the Association. Let us set out on a personal membership campaign; if we find that we are a paid up member, let us try to sell membership to another 330th man, if we are not a paid up member, let us become one today as well as try to get a Buddy to join. I can go on appealing to you until you get sick and tired of hearing it, but that doesn't help a bit, it is up to you to do your part on your own.

Larry Redmond
Co. H 330th

Gentlemen:

I read about Reunion for the 83rd Division on August 17-19, in the March issue of the VFW Magazine. As this is the Division that I belong to, I would appreciate it if you would send me some more of the details.

Thank you
Sincerely
Harold Grossman

Ed. Note: This is the type of a request I receive quite often. I would be only too happy to answer the man, but there is no address as to where he lives. Please be sure to include your return address on any and all mail sent in.

Our Impossible War

Reprint from Palm Beach Post,
"Letters to the Editor"
Tuesday, January 5, 1965

Editor:

The recent tragedy in Viet-Nam in which a number of our million dollar bombers were destroyed on the ground comes as no surprise to an experienced combat infantryman. It probably will be followed, in due time, by the Reds making another Dienbienphu out of the city of Saigon.

Since war has evolved above the clan level it has been conducted in conformity with certain basic principles. These principles are commonly called, "Napoleon's Maxims", although they were expounded in part by many earlier combat leaders.

The violation of any one of these Maxims is usually enough to lose a war. For example the violation of "The Principle of Exploitation" lost us World War II in Europe by the failure to capture Berlin, and also the "Police Action" in Korea by failure to exploit the successful Inchon landing.

The war in Viet-Nam is an impossible war — it violates too many principles. Basically it violates "The Principle of the Objective". There is no objective in Viet-Nam. The initiative remains with the Reds at all times. We are just fighting there at places chosen by the Reds. This practice also is a violation of "The Principle of the Offensive".

The recent destruction of dozens of our jet bombers was the culmination of a long series of violation of "The Principle of Surprise" in Viet-Nam. It is an accepted maxim that a leader may be forgiven for being defeated but never for being surprised. To have an air field brought under attack by enemy mortars, which are relatively short range weapons, indicates a gross violation of "The Principle of Surprise", and a lot of stars should fall.

The entire Viet-Nam military organization violates "The Principle of Unity of Command". An adviser is no substitute for a commander. For success in battle it is necessary that one man say what shall be done and that the others, through the chain of command, do it. If some Viet-Nam commander does not see fit to follow the advice of his adviser, no force, such as relief from command, can be used. If a Viet-Nam commander decides to bomb Cambodia, and the U.S. commander disallows it, the same principle is violated.

In addition to the violations of the Principles of War, there are other impossible conditions in Viet-Nam:

First, the country is so fractionized, and the various elements are so busy fighting each other, that any concerted effort is impossible.

Second, there is no battle front in the accepted sense. A Red may be a rice farmer today and a Viet-Cong guerrilla tonight. In wars among so-called civilized nations the fighting man wears a distinctive uniform so he can be identified as a soldier.

Third, the United States is trying to fight a ground war from the air. The importance of aerial bombing is the greatest fraud that has ever been perpetrated on the American people. Granted that it can cause great destruction to buildings and to material, its effect upon infantry, that has been trained in guerrilla warfare, is almost negligible.

Besides that a trained guerrilla machine-gunner, with an anti-aircraft mount and belts loaded with one fifth tracers and a few incendiaries, should be able to hide out in the brush and knock down all the helicopters that came within half a mile of his position. It might be said that the terrain in Viet-Nam is so unfavorable that we can't fight ground warfare there. Perhaps not, but obviously we can't fight air-ground warfare there either.

There appears to be two solutions of the Viet-Nam problem. One is to notify the capitals of North Viet-Nam and Cambodia that we will give them a limited period to withdraw their ground forces and supplies in South Viet-Nam. Refusal to be followed by a light aerial bombardment on their capital with a notice of more to come progressively unless they withdraw.

The other is to get all United States personnel out of Viet-Nam and let the Reds have it. Its importance is probably greatly overrated. China has seven hundred million people now; a few million more is not going to make any serious difference. The best weapons the Reds have are, as in Korea, the ones they have captured from the troops we are helping. As for the South Viet-Nam leaders they probably will be delighted to keep the war going as long as we keep pouring in the millions. They never had it so good.

The war in Viet-Nam is an impossible war. The best we can expect is to continue indefinitely to pour United States blood and United States millions down a bottomless rathole. The worst and more probable is to suffer the ignominy of marching out of Saigon as prisoners of the Viet-Cong.

E. B. Crabill
Colonel Infantry (Ret.)
Riviera Beach
329th Infantry WW II

Ed. Note: I personally hold the greatest respect for Col. Crabill, although I do not know him personally, I feel as I do because of the respect he commands of the 329th men.

I agree with his writeup here in part, but after having gone through the St. Lo breakthrough, I am a firm believer in saturation bombing for the support of the Infantryman. I would like to say, that I am not a real military man like Col. Crabill, so I may be wrong in my own opinions. Let us all, regardless of our thoughts and opinions, stand fully behind a great man like General Westmoreland and the fine American servicemen who are Viet Nam doing a real American job. Let us as real American Soldiers, stand ready to defend our fighting men against beatniks and peaceniks; the men who are too yellow to go out and defend this great country as you and I did. We didn't go over there because we wanted to do so, nor did we go to gain any personal glory. We went as real Americans, and we will always remain as such.



This is Col. Crabill, 329th Infantry and some of his staff at the home of Adolf Hitler.

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In 1967
For
Harry

We Get Letters

March 2, 1967

Gentlemen:

I read about the Reunions for the 83rd Division on August 17-19, in the March issue of the VFW Magazine. As this is the Division that I belonged to, I would appreciate it if you would send me some more of the details.

Thank you
Sincerely,
Harold Goldman

Ed. note: This card was sent to me with no return address. The only identification I have is that it was mailed from Grand Island, Nebraska.

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April 4, 1967
209 Barbee Street
Fort Scott, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Was pleased to find ad in local papers.
Present address:

Charles S. Graham
209 S. Barbee Street
Fort Scott, Kansas 66701
Formerly: T/Sgt. Graham
Co. F, 2nd Bn.
331st Inf. Regt.

Was with Division in Bulge, Ruhr Valley, Germany and Austria or lower Germany in occupation. Earned 3 battle stars while with Co. F. Am in good health.

Thank you
Charles S. Graham

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March 28, 1967
24 Eades St.,
Brandford, Conn. 06405

Larry Redmond
Sec. Treas.
83rd Inf. Div. Association
Havertown, Pa.

Dear Larry:

Sorry I missed last issue. Daniel Sudac, Co. C. 331st died Wednesday, February 8th. Just as he received ashes at St. Mary's Church, Branford, Conn.

He died of a heart attack.

I'm sure many fellow buddies of Co. C would want to know about this, to name a few, "Pop" Jennings, Capt. Walt Edwards, Bill Klotz, Nick Chierkos, John Maryzs, Art Johnson and others.

Dan Sudac, soldier with 83rd from Camp Atterbury until wounded in France. He was a member of the 83rd Association attending several reunions which he enjoyed.

In closing, I would like to say I was deeply honored to be one of the pall bearers and also presented the U.S. flag to the family, Mrs. Sudac and daughter, Sandra.

An old 83rd soldier,
Co. C, 331st

P.S. Would like to know the whereabouts of "Pop" Jennings.

HELP !!

The following members have moved and left no forwarding address, or are past the forwarding period. We would appreciate your help in locating them.

General Robert VanBrunt, 4304 Roberts Ave., Fort Meade, Maryland.

Alexander Warram, 1729 Ensor Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

Arthur D. Littlepage, 24 Overbrook Rd., Baltimore, Maryland.

Edward Bolejack, R No. 1, Brandford, Rhode Island.

Ollie Weismuller, 708 Fennimore Ave., Covina, California.

George White, Box 166, Onsett, Massachusetts.

Pasquale Scarano, 211 Atwater Street, New Haven, Conn.

William N. Dunson, 913 Elm Street, Gadsden, Alabama.

Oleg Glasgow, 52 Ann Street, Bridgeport, Conn.

Victor Mentzel, Rt. 2, Box 170, Jackson, Mississippi.

Lt. Col. Oliver E. Greist, 1601 Woodburn, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Jesse B. Keith, Sandy Ridge, Pennsylvania.

Simon T. Etzel, 4 Deerfield, West Haven, Conn.

Paul L. Broxholm, 392 Dale, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Louis J. Zippo, 3483 Kingsland Ave., Bronx, New York.

Lester Herbst, 421 S. Jefferson Ave., Collinsville, Illinois.

G. P. Brauch, 2722 Payne Road, Des Moines, Iowa.

William Watson, 125 S. Glassboro Ave., Woodbury Heights, N. J.

M/Sgt. Norris W. Croom, 897 Cedar St., Albilene, Texas.

George Stone, 2519 Los Amigos, La-Crescenta, California.

Charles Hardin, Box 9241, Richmond, Virginia.

Charles F. Stoudt, 63 Coburn, Northboro, Mass.

John J. Donohue, 75 Alexander Ave., Medford, Mass.

Sherwin B. Kutts, 204 S. Farmer Street, Otesgo, Mich.

William E. Austin, Montezuma Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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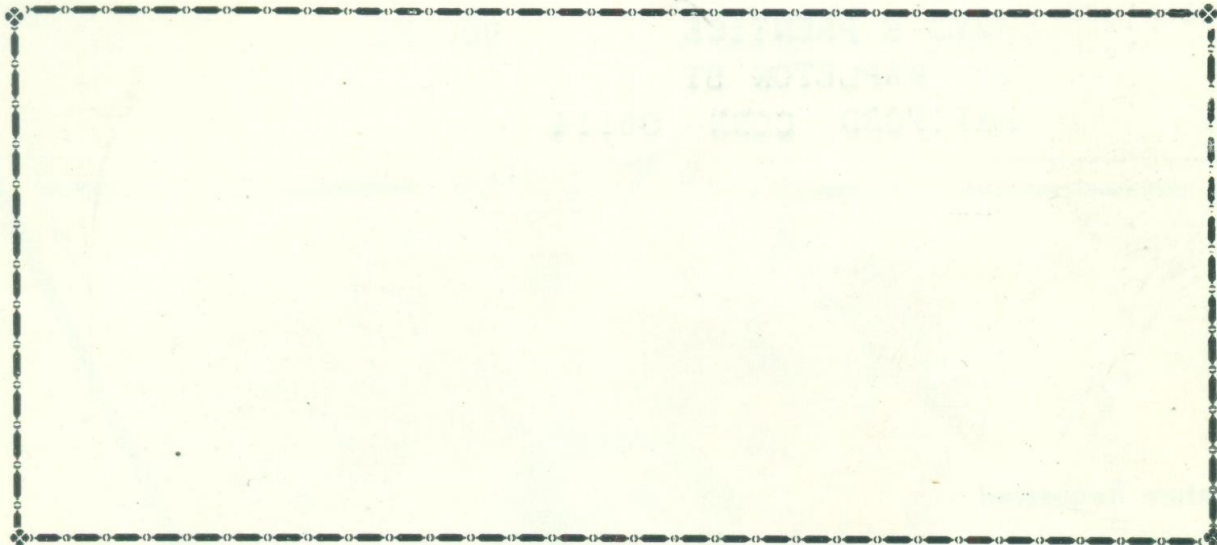
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